

Application No. 09/967,302
Amendment dated 27 December 2004
Reply to Office Action dated 29 June 2004

Attorney Docket No. IPP-025552-US

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in connection with the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. A petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is submitted herewith.

After entry of the within amendment, eight (8) claims remain pending in the instant application, being claims numbered 9, 24 and 27-32. Claim numbered 24 has been withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 9 is the sole independent pending claim presently under consideration. Claims 27-32 depend from Claim 9 and incorporate the limitations thereof thereinto.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's previous indication that claim 9 (as previously presented) presents allowable subject matter. Applicants have herein amended claim 9 to recite the necessary limitations of canceled claim 1 (upon which claim 9 depended previously) *now including* the recitation of specific material choices for the biaxially oriented film and the adhesive material.

Remaining dependant claims 27-32 depend from and include the limitations of claim 9, and are thus allowable as presented herein.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9, 24 and 27-32 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to pass said claims 9, 24 and 27-32 on to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, or believe that issues remain in the case, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact their undersigned counsel, who may be reached by telephone to 513.248.6208.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 27 December 2004



Daniel C. Stelter, Reg. No. 40,830
Counsel for Applicants
International Paper Company
6285 Tri-Ridge Blvd., Loveland, OH 45140
513.248.6208 phone, 513.248.6455 fax
daniel.stelter@ipaper.com

(certificate of mailing follows)

Application No. 09/967,302
Amendment dated 27 December 2004
Reply to Office Action dated 29 June 2004

Attorney Docket No. IPP-025552-US

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37. C.F.R. 1.8

The undersigned certifies that a true and accurate copy of this "Amendment" is being transmitted to the Honorable Commissioner for Patents, Post Office Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, by facsimile transmission to the Group Art Unit stated above at facsimile no. (703) 872-9306, on this the 27th day of December, 2004.

Jane A. Tomlinson